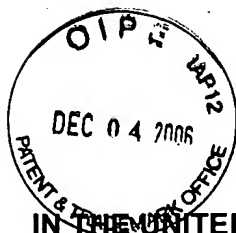


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Tadashi Iwamatsu, et al.

Application No.: 10/550,750

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Art Unit: 2879

For: ELECTRON EMISSION ELEMENT AND
IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS
EMPLOYING IT

Examiner: Not yet assigned

**NOTIFICATION OF RELATED APPLICATION AND
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)**

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NOTIFICATION OF RELATED APPLICATION

Applicant hereby formally provides notification in the present application of the existence of the following related application:

United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/541,878 filed 8 July 2005

Entitled: "ELECTRONIC EMISSION DEVICE HAVING CLEANING FUNCTION

By: Tadashi Iwamatsu, et al.

Assignee: Sharp Kabushiki Kaisha

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT PARTICULARS

This Information Disclosure Statement formally makes of record in the present application the references/documents that have been made of record in the above-identified related application.

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- a. X Submitted herewith is a legible copy of (i) each U.S and foreign patent; (ii) each publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and (iii) all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. (Applications filed after June 30, 2003, no copies of cited US Patents are required and therefore, are not enclosed).
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II. CONCISE EXPLANATION OF THE RELEVANCE
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Item BA is referred to at page 2, line 5 of the related application identified above, and item BB is referred to at page 4, lines 15-16, and at page 5, lines 20-21 of that specification. Items BC, BE and BF are referred to in the International Search Report issued concerning the related application identified above. Item CA is referred to at page 6, line 12 of the related application identified above, and item CB is referred to at page 4, lines 16-17 of that related application.

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